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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed January 2, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 13, 24 and 26 as follows:

D1
1. (Thrice Amended) A method of inventory management comprises:
verifying that articles, which were physically grouped by a manual or automated
grouping process into a physically grouped order, belong to the physically grouped order;
examining codes on tags by scanning unique identifier codes on the tags, each tag
associated with one article in the group to determine that the article belongs in the grouped order;
positively indicating to an operator if the scanned unique sequential code does not
correspond to an item that belongs in the grouped order.

D2
13. (Thrice Amended) A computer program product residing on a computer readable
media for use in a dry cleaning establishment comprises instructions for causing a computer to:

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